

service, or regardless of the length of service was discharged for disability incurred in service and in the line of duty, such widow or former widow having been married to the soldier, sailor, or marine prior to the 27th day of June, 1905, who is now or may hereafter attain the age of 75 years and is pensioned as such widow or former widow under the general pension law, or whose name may hereafter be placed on the pension roll under existing laws, shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$40 a month, but nothing in this Act shall be construed as decreasing the rate of pension granted by any other Act.

SEC. 2. That the pension or increase of the rate of pension herein provided for, as to all persons whose names are now on the pension roll, or who are now in receipt of a pension under existing law, shall commence at the rate herein provided, on the fourth day of the month next after the approval of this Act; and as to persons whose names are not now on the pension roll, or who are not now in receipt of a pension under existing law but who may be entitled to a pension under the general pension laws, such pensions shall commence from the date of filing application therefor in the Bureau of Pensions after the approval of this Act in such form as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That the issue of a check in payment of a pension for which the execution and submission of a voucher was not required shall constitute payment in the event of the death of the pensioner on or after the last day of the period covered by such check, and it shall not be canceled, but shall become an asset of the estate of the deceased pensioner.

Commencement, if now on pension roll.

Of new applicants.

Provided. Payment of check issued to pensioner on day of death.

Fees, etc., prohibited.

Punishment for violations.

SEC. 3. That no claim agent, attorney or other person shall demand, receive or accept fees or compensation for the presentation or preparation of any such claim for increase in pension under this Act, or be recognized as agent or attorney in the prosecution or adjudication of a claim for increase under this Act, and any such person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, or wrongfully withholds from a pensioner the whole or any part of the pension allowed or due a pensioner under this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every offense, be fined not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Inconsistent laws modified.

SEC. 4. That all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified and amended only so far and to the extent herein specifically provided and stated.

Approved, May 23, 1928.

CHAP. 706.—An Act To authorize an appropriation to provide additional hospital, domiciliary, and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, and for other purposes.

May 23, 1928.
[H. R. 12821.]
[Public, No. 480.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to provide sufficient hospital, domiciliary, and out-patient dispensary facilities to care for the increasing load of mentally afflicted World War veterans and to enable the United States Veterans' Bureau to care for its beneficiaries in Veterans' Bureau hospitals rather than in contract temporary facilities and other institutions, the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, subject to the approval of the President, is hereby authorized to provide additional hospital, domiciliary, and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as

Hospital, etc., facilities for mentally afflicted, etc., Veterans' Bureau beneficiaries. Additional facilities to be provided in Bureau hospitals.

Purchase of existing plants, construction on sites owned or acquired, etc.

Hospitals, domiciliary, and out-patient dispensary facilities, equipment, etc., included.

Accommodations for personnel, recreational centers, etc.

Acceptance of donations.

Construction requirements, etc.

Technical, etc., services for construction purposes authorized.

Amount authorized to be appropriated.
Post, pp. 889, 1247.

Allowance for technical assistants, etc.

Acceptance authorized of suitable buildings, grounds, etc., from States, corporations, individuals, etc.

Garages for privately owned automobiles of hospital personnel, to be built, etc.

Legion, Tex.
Sale of portion of hospital reservation at.

amended, by purchase, replacement, and remodeling, or extension of existing plants, and by construction on sites now owned by the Government or on sites to be acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, or otherwise, of such hospitals, domiciliary, and out-patient dispensary facilities, to include the necessary buildings and auxiliary structures, mechanical equipment, approach work, roads, and track-age facilities leading thereto; vehicles, livestock, furniture, equipment, and accessories; and also to provide accommodations for officers, nurses, and attending personnel; and also to provide proper and suitable recreational centers; and the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau is authorized to accept gifts or donations for any of the purposes named herein. Such hospital and domiciliary plants to be constructed shall be of fireproof construction, and existing plants purchased shall be remodeled to be fireproof, and the location and nature thereof, whether for domiciliary care or the treatment of tuberculosis, neuropsychiatric, or general medical and surgical cases, shall be in the discretion of the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, subject to the approval of the President.

SEC. 2. The construction of new hospitals, domiciliary facilities or dispensaries, or the replacement, extension, alteration, remodeling, or repair of all hospitals, domiciliary facilities or dispensaries heretofore or hereafter constructed shall be done in such manner as the President may determine, and he is authorized to require the architectural, engineering, constructing, or other forces of any of the departments of the Government to do or assist in such work, and to employ individuals and agencies not now connected with the Government, if in his opinion desirable, at such compensation as he may consider reasonable.

SEC. 3. For carrying into effect the preceding sections relating to additional hospitals and domiciliary and out-patient dispensary facilities there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended. That not to exceed 3 per centum of this sum shall be available for the employment in the District of Columbia and in the field of necessary technical and clerical assistants at the customary rates of compensation, exclusively to aid in the preparation of the plans and specifications for the projects authorized herein and for the supervision of the execution thereof, and for traveling expenses, field-office equipment, and supplies in connection therewith.

SEC. 4. The President is further authorized to accept from any State or other political subdivision, or from any corporation, association, individual or individuals, any building, structure, equipment, or grounds suitable for the care of the disabled, with due regard to fire or other hazards, state of repair, and all other pertinent considerations, and to designate what department, bureau, board, commission, or other governmental agency shall have the control and management thereof.

SEC. 5. The director is hereby authorized to construct and maintain on hospital reservations of the bureau garages for the accommodation of privately owned automobiles of employees at such hospitals. Employees using such garages shall make such reimbursement therefor as the director may deem reasonable. Money received from the use of such garages shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. 6. The Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau is hereby authorized to sell at private sale not more than fifty acres of the hospital reservation of the United States Veterans' Hospital

Numbered 93, Legion, Texas, the size, price, and location thereof to be determined by the director.

SEC. 7. The Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau is hereby authorized to have appraised and, after advertisement, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders, as a whole or in parcels in his discretion and on such terms as he may deem proper, the United States Veterans' Bureau Hospital reservation in the county of Dekalb, State of Georgia, acquired by the United States by deed dated April 15, 1920, and to make, execute, and deliver all needful conveyances. The director shall have the right to reject any and all bids. The net proceeds of such sale or sales shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

Dekalb County, Ga.
Appraisal and sale of
hospital reservation, at.

SEC. 8. Section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize an appropriation to provide additional hospital and out-patient dispensary facilities for persons entitled to hospitalization under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924," approved March 3, 1925 (United States Code, title 38, section 438), is hereby repealed.

Restriction on build-
ings repealed.
Vol. 43, p. 1213 re-
pealed.

U. S. Code, p. 1217.

Approved, May 23, 1928.

CHAP. 707.—An Act To reserve certain lands on the public domain in Valencia County, New Mexico, for the use and benefit of the Acoma Pueblo Indians.

May 23, 1928.

[H. R. 11479.]

[Public, No. 481.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all vacant, unappropriated, and undisposed of lands within township 7 north, ranges 7 and 8 west, and fractional township 8 north, range 8 west, New Mexico principal meridian, in New Mexico, be, and they are hereby, reserved for the sole use and occupancy of the Indians of the Acoma Pueblo: *Provided*, That the rights and claims of any bona fide settler initiated under the public land laws prior to October 3, 1927, the date of withdrawal of the lands from all forms of entry, shall not be affected by this Act.

Acoma Pueblo In-
dians.
Lands in New Mex-
ico reserved for use of.

Proviso.
Existing rights not
affected.

Approved, May 23, 1928.

CHAP. 708.—An Act To provide for the construction or purchase of one heavy seagoing Air Corps retriever for the War Department.

May 23, 1928.

[H. R. 10365.]

[Public, No. 482.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$40,000 to be expended by the Secretary of War for the construction or purchase of one heavy seagoing Air Corps retriever for use at France Field, Canal Zone.

Army.
Sum authorized for
a heavy seagoing Air
Corps retriever, at
France Field, Canal
Zone.

Approved, May 23, 1928.

CHAP. 709.—An Act To provide for the construction or purchase of two motor mine yawls for the War Department.

May 23, 1928.

[H. R. 10364.]

[Public, No. 483.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$10,000 to be expended by the Secretary of War for the construction or purchase of two motor mine yawls for replacement purposes, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 each.

Army.
Sum authorized for
two motor mine yawls.

Approved, May 23, 1928.